

WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM



PRESCRIBED BURNS FOR WILDLIFE

WHAT:

Prescribed burns are controlled fires designed to remove built up thatch and germinate native forbs and legumes in the seedbank that are responsive to fire and benefits wildlife.

WHEN:

Prescribed burns are restricted to the spring period of February 14 to April 14.

WHERE:

Prescribed burns are an eligible enhancement on entire fields of native warm season grasses, native warm season grass field borders, or native grass filter strips.

HOW:

- Prescribed burns are only allowed in accordance with a burn plan, performed by a qualified burn team, and with proper burn permits required by the Division of Forestry.
- Firebreaks are required for all planned burns and will be at least 30 feet wide.
- Green firebreaks will be required for all whole field burns.
- Green firebreaks will be prepared in the fall prior to the scheduled burn by sowing two bushels of wheat on a well prepared seedbed.
- Disked or green firebreaks are required at field edge for field borders and filter strips.

HOW MUCH:

Fields, field borders or filter strips approved for this enhancement will be burned on a rotational basis of once every three to five years over the contract period. Contracts consisting of multiple fields, field borders, or filter strips approved for this enhancement will **NOT** schedule all areas to be burned in the same year in order to retain some non-disturbance for early nesting periods. CSP enhancement payment is \$30.00 per burned acre per year, which will be one-third to one-fifth of the total acres subject to burning.